

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph appearing at page 7, line 8, with the following:

Since the polymeric coating material is in the viscosity range of approximately 800 to 5,000 cP, the heat applied to the roller helps the material to "level out" on the roll surface immediately following its application. The level of heat can be thermostatically controlled via an optical or infrared sensor 7 that reads the roll surface temperature immediately prior to application of the coating. (Temperature control can be effected by, for example, an REX-D type controller from RKC Instrument Inc.) The properties of a suitable polymeric material is described in U.S. Patents 5,694,852 and 6,136,375 and pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/678,470 (filed October 3, 2000) and as further refined hereinafter.